(c) No separate agreement has been signed for this, as this comes under the broad framework of HTCG.

(d) Issue of implementation of the report will arise only after the report is received from the Indo-US working group in biotechnology.

Transfer of bio-diesel technology for women SHGs

†3913. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government *vide* letter No. 989/CST/JDA/04 dated 5th July, 2004 have requested for transfer of technology for production of Bio-diesel from Jatropha so that Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) might get employment;

(b) by when Government would transfer this technology; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A proposal entitled "Employment Generation of Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by transferring technology on bio-diesel production from Jatropha *(jatropha curcus)"* was received from M.P. Council of Science and Technology, Bhopal. The proposal was considered by the Expert Committee and it was not found suitable as the proposal did not disclose the extent of production and availability of Jatropha in the area in order to make a proper assessment of the proposal.

Loans to drug companies for research and development work

†3914. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided loans to some drug companies for research and development work pertaining to medicines;

(b) if so, the names of such companies and the details of amount of loans; and

(c) the terms of repayment of these loans and the companies which are unwilling to repay these loans?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.